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1. GOM VIEW - AS ANTICIPATED REFTEL, GOM WATER RESOURCE MIN VISITED RWANDA MARCH 12-16 AND SOUGHT RENEWED SUPPORT ON SAHARA. IN RADIO INTERVIEW MARCH 15, GOM MIN NOTED HE DELIVERED LETTER FROM PRES OULD DADDAH TO PRES HABYARIMANA AND HAD REVIEWED SAHARA SITUATION WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED IN LOW KEY AS "HAVING BEEN SIMPLE AT BEGINNING" BUT NOW COMPLICATED BY ALGERIAN ACTIONS. AS SMALL COUNTRY, MAURITANIA HAS "OTHER THINGS TO DO SUCH AS DEVELOPMENT" IN PREFERENCE TO BEING EMBROILED WITH DIFFICULT PROBLEMS FOMENTED BY ALGERIA WHICH "POSES RISK OF BAD EXAMPLE FOR OTHER AFRICAN AREAS."

2. GOR ON SIDELINE - GOR HAS MADE NO STATEMENT CONCERNING VISIT. HOWEVER, IN MARCH 8 PRESS CONFERENCE, GOR FONMIN NSEKALIJE TOOK POSITION FAVORING SAHARAN SELF-
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DETERMINATION IN ACCORDANCE 26TH OAU RECOMMENDATION AND THAT

"FRATERNAL" STATES SHOULD MUTUALLY RESOLVE SUCH MATTERS
WITHOUT SEEKING ADVANTAGE. WHEN PRESSED ON RWANDA AND OAU
ROLE, FONMIN NOTED HE ". . . DARED TO SAY THAT OF 47 OAU
STATES RWANDA IS THE 47TH AND NOT ABOUT TO PREDICT OAU
ACTIONS." "GOR HOPES OAU WILL MEET AND RESOLVE MATTER SINCE
SOME KIND OF SOLUTION WILL EVENTUALLY BE FOUND." FRITTS

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